

## **AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES – Revised on 10/19/09**

MARATHON GOVERNMENT CENTER  
MONROE COUNTY, FL  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2009  
9:30 A.M.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 9:45 a.m.

### **COMMISSION:**

Cecil Bain	Present
Bill Daniels, Jr.	Absent
Bruce Ferraro, Chairperson	Present
Jerry Gaddis	Absent
Morgan Hill	Present
Ron Miller, Vice Chairperson	Present
Ken Naylor	Absent
Sherry Phillips	Present
Mary Rice	Absent
Ed Swift	Present
Randy Wall	Present
Sylvia Murphy, BOCC Liaison Member	Absent

### **STAFF:**

Susan Grimsley, Assistant County Attorney	Absent
Mitch Harvey, Comprehensive Planning Manager	Present
Michelle Lee, Recording Secretary	Present

1. Bruce Ferraro opened the meeting and accepted the Chairmanship for the committee.
2. Approval of AHAC Minutes for the 7-16-09 meeting. Cecil Bain moved to approve and Morgan Hill seconded. There was no opposition - minutes were approved.
3. Discussion of future AHAC meeting dates. The meeting dates of January 14, 2010 and October 21, 2010 were agreed upon. The committee requested that Michelle Lee provide alternate dates for the other two meeting dates in early April and late June or early July 2010. The Committee agreed that the majority of responses will set the date for these two meetings.
4. It was discussed that Lisa Tennyson welcomed the opportunity to attend our next meeting. Michelle Lee will notify her of the next meeting date (1/14/10).
5. Discussion regarding permit fee waivers. Ed Swift started the discussion. Mitch Harvey spoke about the County's position on waiving building permit fees and distributed statistics and a copy of the proposed ordinance eliminating exemptions other than those provided by state statute and for volunteer fire departments (attached).

Ron Miller made a motion to waive fees for “low and very low” income people. Morgan Hill seconded and then withdrew the second. Sherry Phillips then seconded the motion. The motion failed by a vote of 5-2.

Morgan Hill motioned to waive fees for all affordable housing permits regardless of whether for-profit, not-for-profit, very-low, low or moderate income. Ed Swift seconded the motion. There was a unanimous vote of yes from the committee. Motion was passed. It was discussed that the committee members would speak with their respective commissioners regarding the motion.

6. Ron Miller asked Mitch Harvey to look into density for affordable housing above commercial uses. Ed Swift seconded the motion.
7. Ed Swift spoke about the affordable housing marketplace in today’s economy (documents attached).

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.